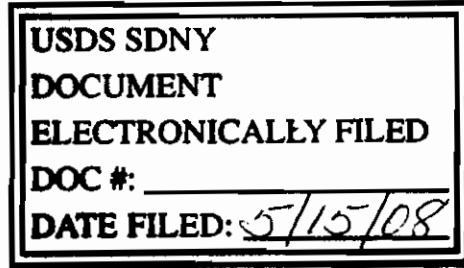


PEDRO JUAN TAVARES, : 08 Civ. 3782 (JSR) (JCF)
Plaintiff, :
: MEMORANDUM
- against - : AND ORDER
CITY OF NEW YORK; BUREAU OF :
CORRECTION DEPT.; GEORGE MOTCHAM :
DETENTION CENTER; EMMANUEL BAILEY, :
Warden; MISS GLOVER, Captain; :
MISS PEE, Captain; MR. JEAN, :
Corrections Officer; MISS JOHN DOE, :
Corrections Officer; :
Defendants. :
- - - - -
JAMES C. FRANCIS IV
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE



Pedro Jun Tavares, the pro se plaintiff in this case, has applied for appointment of counsel. The threshold consideration in ruling on such an application is a showing of some likelihood of merit. Cooper v. A. Sargent Co., 877 F.2d 170, 172-74 (2d Cir. 1989). Mr. Tavares has not yet met this standard. No answer or motion directed to the complaint has yet been served, and no discovery has been taken. If no motion to dismiss is granted and discovery reveals a factual basis for the plaintiff's claims, he can reapply for appointment of counsel.

Accordingly, the plaintiff's motion is denied with leave to renew following commencement of discovery.

SO ORDERED.



JAMES C. FRANCIS IV
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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